JobSub - Bug #20659

Extracting bzipped tarballs is very slow

08/21/2018 05:38 PM - Dave Dykstra

Status: Closed Start date: 08/21/2018

Priority: Normal Due date:

Assignee: Dennis Box % Done: 0%

Category:

Target version: v1.2.9 Spent time: 0.00 hour

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Jobsub's tar file feature now uses bzip2 encoding. I noticed that extracting the tar files was taking a lot of cpu time on the test cvmfs publishing, and heard that uncompressing bzip2 was about 5 times slower than gzip. Dennis helped me to do a test by creating an approximately 1GB gzipped tar file with exactly the same contents as a formerly used bzip2 tar file, and found that it was 8.5 times faster: it took only 16 seconds to extract instead of 137 seconds. So I suggest switching to use gzip.

Estimated time:

0.00 hour

Dennis had originally used bzip2 because with gzip the hash changes each time, but the gzip -n option avoids that.

The cvmfs publishing itself is not a very high priority since that is just a test at this point, but this should also save significant time in decompression of these tar files on worker nodes.

History

#1 - 11/15/2018 03:05 PM - Dennis Box

- Assignee set to Dennis Box
- Target version set to v1.2.9

#2 - 11/21/2018 02:44 PM - Dennis Box

- Status changed from New to Feedback
- Assignee changed from Dennis Box to Shreyas Bhat

#3 - 11/29/2018 02:27 PM - Shreyas Bhat

- Status changed from Feedback to Accepted

Looks good.

#4 - 11/29/2018 02:28 PM - Shreyas Bhat

- Assignee changed from Shreyas Bhat to Dennis Box

#5 - 11/30/2018 01:28 PM - Dennis Box

- Status changed from Accepted to Resolved

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#6 - 02/28/2019 10:30 AM - Dennis Box

- Status changed from Resolved to Closed

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